

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 12388

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, AF, UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET MFA - AFGHAN DESK OFFICER DISCUSSES  
AFGHANISTAN DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A) MOSCOW 11903, B) KABUL 4343, C) STATE 116244

1. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBOFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN REF A CONVERSATION IS AWAY FROM EMBASSY UNTIL NEXT WEEK, SO WE CANNOT CLARIFY DETAILS AND CONTEXT IN WHICH STATEMENT QUESTIONED IN REF B WAS MADE. HOWEVER, WE WONDER IF EMBASSY KABUL MAY NOT BE MISREADING WHAT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SAID. TO SAY THAT WE "WILL CONTINUE U.S. AID PROGRAMS" (WE DO NOT THINK THIS WAS MEANT TO BE A DIRECT QUOTE OF WORDS SPOKEN) IS VERY CLOSE TO STATE 116244 PARA 4 WHICH STATES THAT "WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE EXISTING PROGRAMS IF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN SO DESIRES." NEITHER OF THESE FORMULATIONS SUGGESTS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE NEW AID PROGRAMS OR "OBLIGATIONS", AND HENCE SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED BY EITHER THE SOVIETS OR THE AFGHANISTAN REGIME AS A NEW  
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DEPARTURE FOR U.S. POLICY OR AN INDICATION OF NEW U.S. INTENTIONS.

2. WE WILL, IF NECESSARY, GIVE FURTHER CLARIFICATION UPON RETURN OF EMBOFF. MATLOCK

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